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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method of assembling a car body by spot welding a bridging part to a pair of side members fixed to an underbody of a car, the method comprising the steps of:

installing a pair of frames at sides of a transfer line for transferring the underbody and the side members;

attaching a plurality of movable joisted-locating jigs to the <u>frames frame</u> for locating the side members and the bridging part, the <u>plurality of joisted-locating jigs are</u> spaced from each other in a transfer direction of the <u>underbody</u>; and

spot welding the side members to the bridging part, with the side members and the bridging part clamped by the joisted-locating jigs;

wherein a transfer system is employed to convey <u>each of</u> the joisted-locating <u>jigs</u> jig from the frame to a first stock area to the frames for attachment thereto and to convey another joisted-locating jig from the frames to a second stock area for replacement with other joisted-locating jigs which are also conveyed from the first stock area to the frames to the frame for performing a joisted-locating jig change.

- 2. (Currently amended) The method of assembling a car body according to claim 1, wherein the <u>frames frame</u> and <u>each of</u> the joisted-locating <u>jigs jig</u> are located and fixed by a clamp mechanism.
- 3. (Currently amended) The method of assembling a car body according to claim 1, wherein the transfer system includes a motor, a movable rail moved up and down by the motor, a fixed rail to be combined with the movable rail, and a pulley movable along the movable rail and the fixed rail, each of the joisted-locating jigs jig-being hung from the pulley, the fixed rail and the movable rail extending in a direction crossing the transfer direction of the underbody.

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4. (Original) The method of assembling a car body according to claim 3, wherein a

sway prevention mechanism is furnished for preventing the movable rail from swaying

when the movable rail and the fixed rail are disconnected.

5. (Currently amended) The method of assembling a car body according to claim 4,

wherein the sway prevention mechanism includes a pair of vertical rods attached to the

movable rail and a pair of fixed guides fixed to an immovable structure, the vertical rods

being movable relative to the fixed guides guide via a roller.

6. (Original) The method of assembling a car body according to claim 3, wherein a

fall prevention mechanism is provided at the movable rail for preventing the pulley from

falling out of the movable rail.

7. (Original) The method of assembling a car body according to claim 6, wherein

the fall prevention mechanism includes a stopper that turns on the predetermined pivot,

the stopper being movable between a position at which the stopper engages with the

pulley and a position at which the stopper is disengaged from the pulley.